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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Title II Regulation of Broadband Service

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing to express concern regarding your intention to classify broadband service under Title II of the Communications Act, applying regulatory policy developed in 1934 to current broadband technology.

I am especially concerned about the long-term implications for Kentucky. Many residents and businesses in Kentucky have access to advanced networks and wireless phones. Such innovations bring new jobs and investment to the state, through construction of broadband lines, wireless infrastructure and, of course, the benefits a strong broadband network can bring when Kentucky competes for new business and existing business expansion projects. The Internet is a great equalizer. When you have a strong communications network, businesses can build and maintain a worldwide presence from cities and towns large and small.

The communications industry has been one of the strong points of the economy, even during the recent economic downturn, and communications technology benefits from entrepreneurship, innovation and a continued regulatory certainty that many industries do not enjoy. It seems more likely that Kentucky will benefit from growing Internet technologies, bringing new innovations and jobs to Kentucky and the nation.

I hope you will reconsider your position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Beshear".

Steven L. Beshear

cc: Ms. Valerie B. Jarrett
Dr. Lawrence H. Summers
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
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